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(54) **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING THE DISPLAY OF CONTENT ON AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

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**ABSTRACT**

Systems and methods are provided for managing the display of content on an electronic rollable device (600). According to certain aspects, the systems and methods facilitate communications and applications of a rollable device with a display screen interface. The device detects an interaction with the display screen interface by a user (605), such as the user grasping the device. From the interaction, the device identifies a position of the user's hand and, based on the position, a set of configuration settings, and/or other variables, determines a display region on the touchscreen to display a graphic (635) associated with the communications and applications. The device displays the graphic within the display region and receives and processes input from the user.

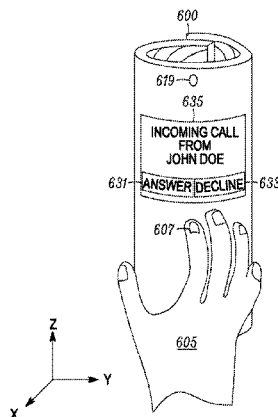
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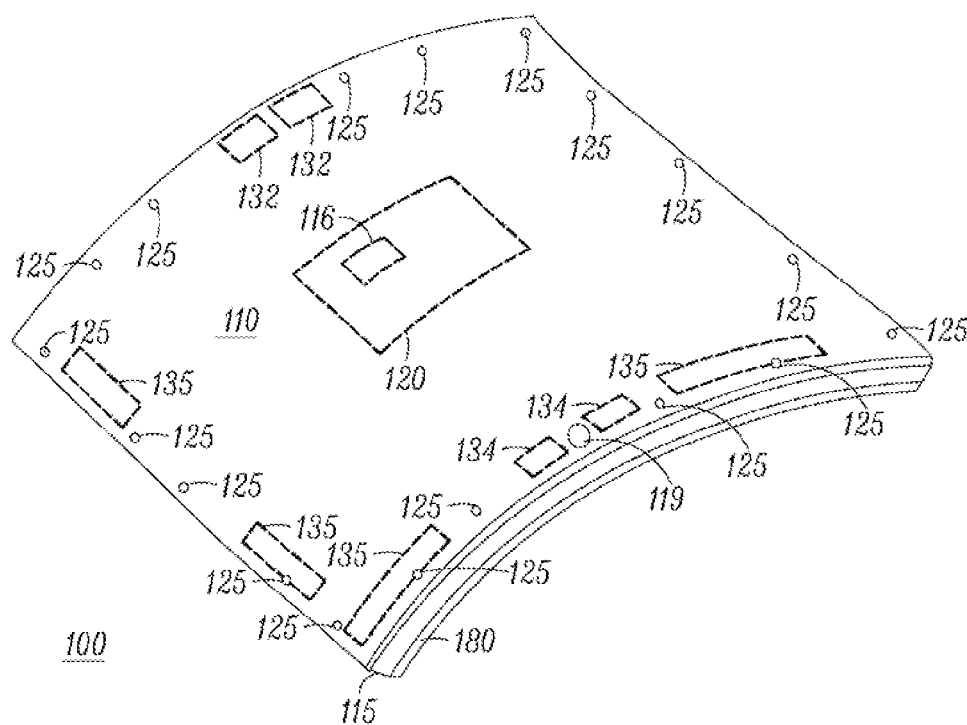


FIG. 1

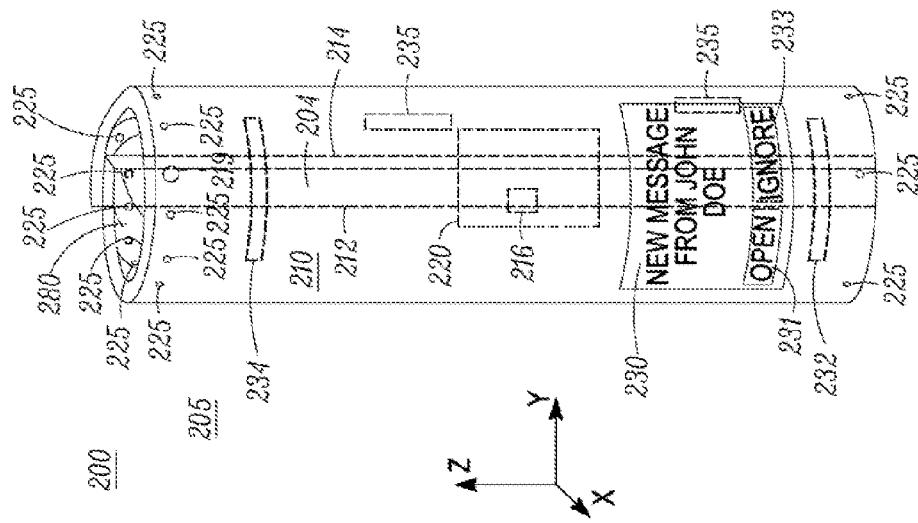


FIG. 2A

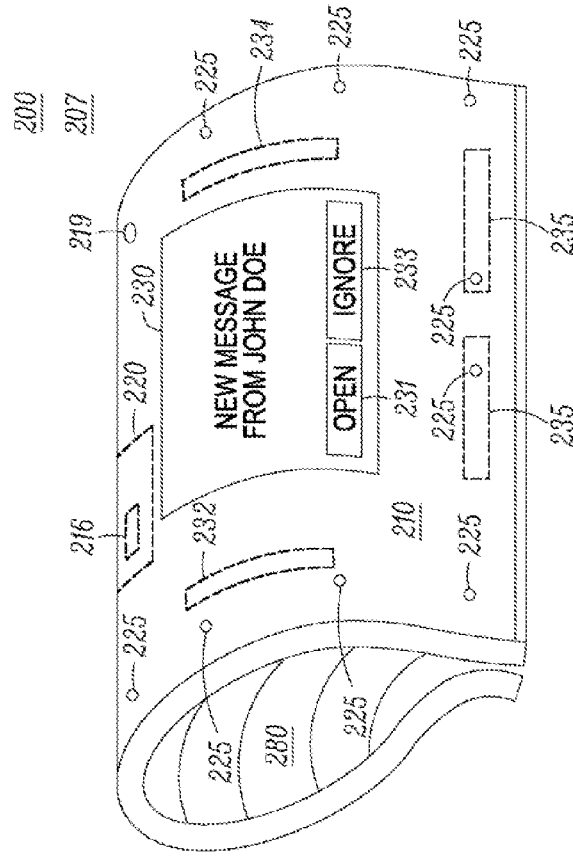


FIG. 2B

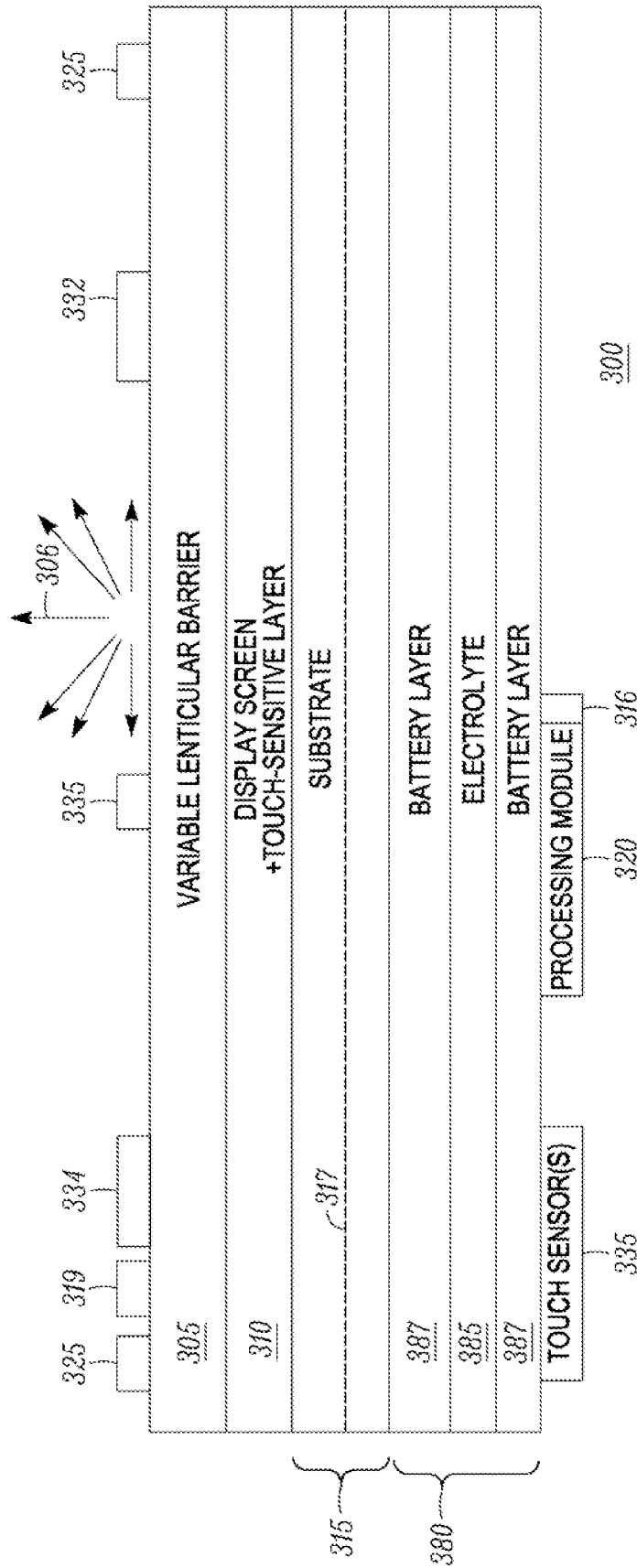


FIG.3

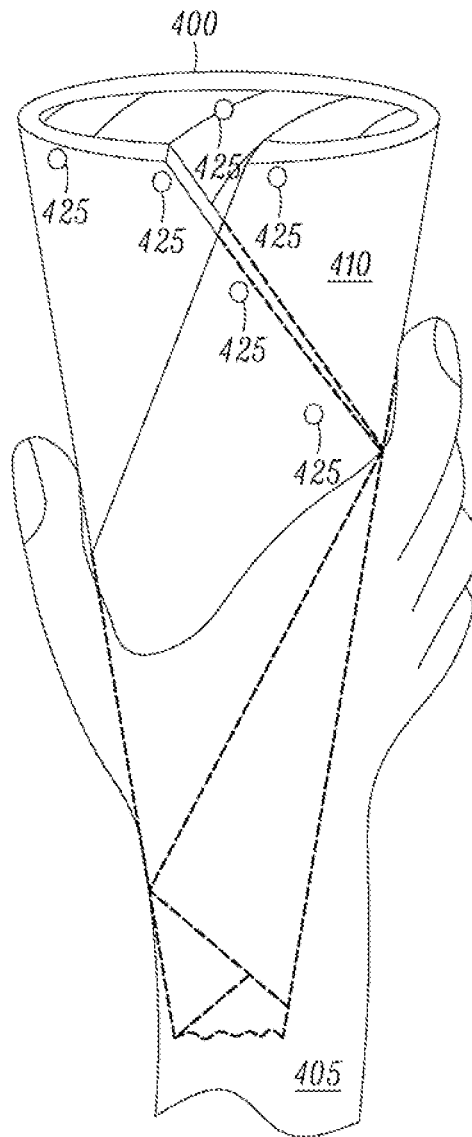


FIG. 4

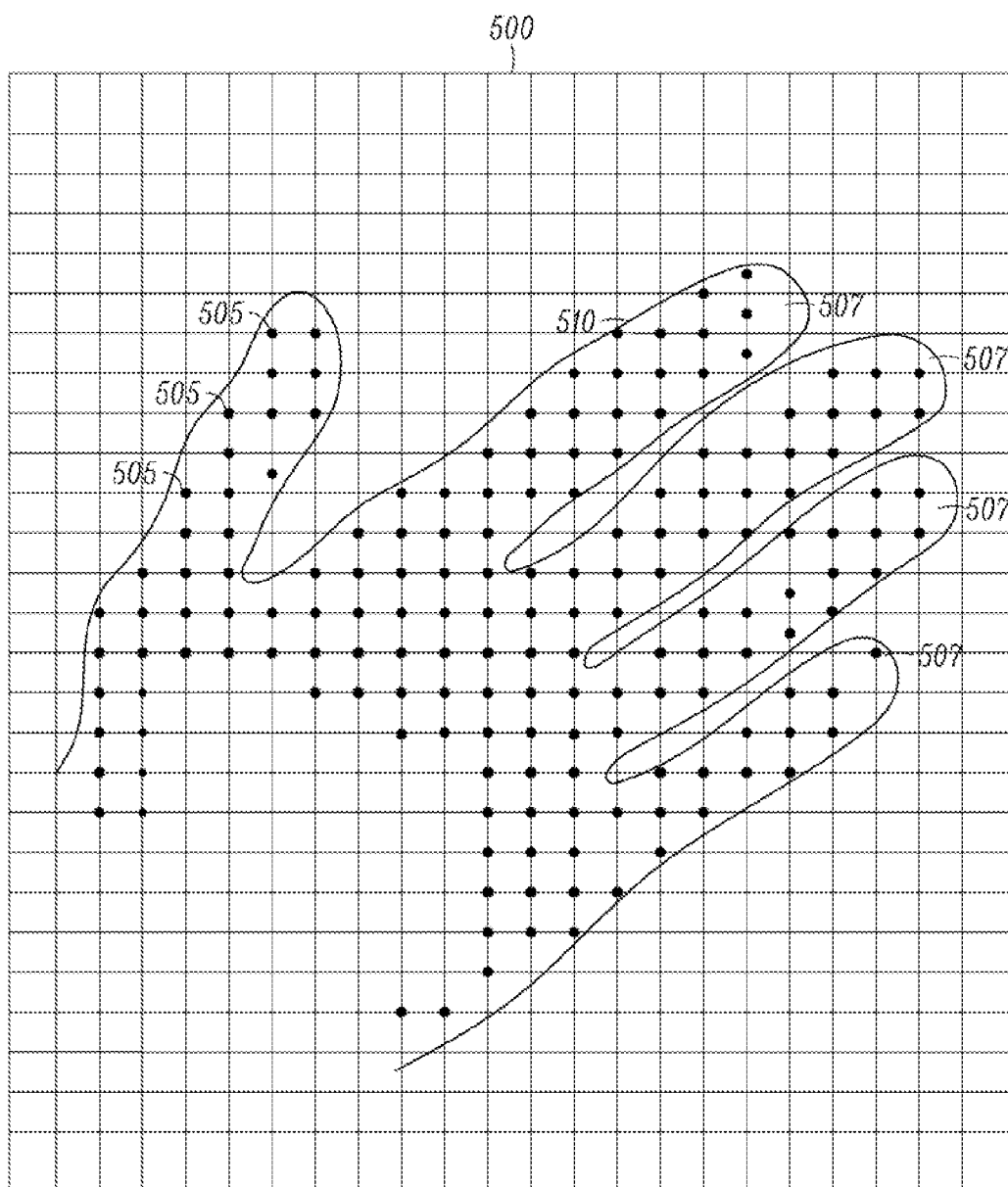


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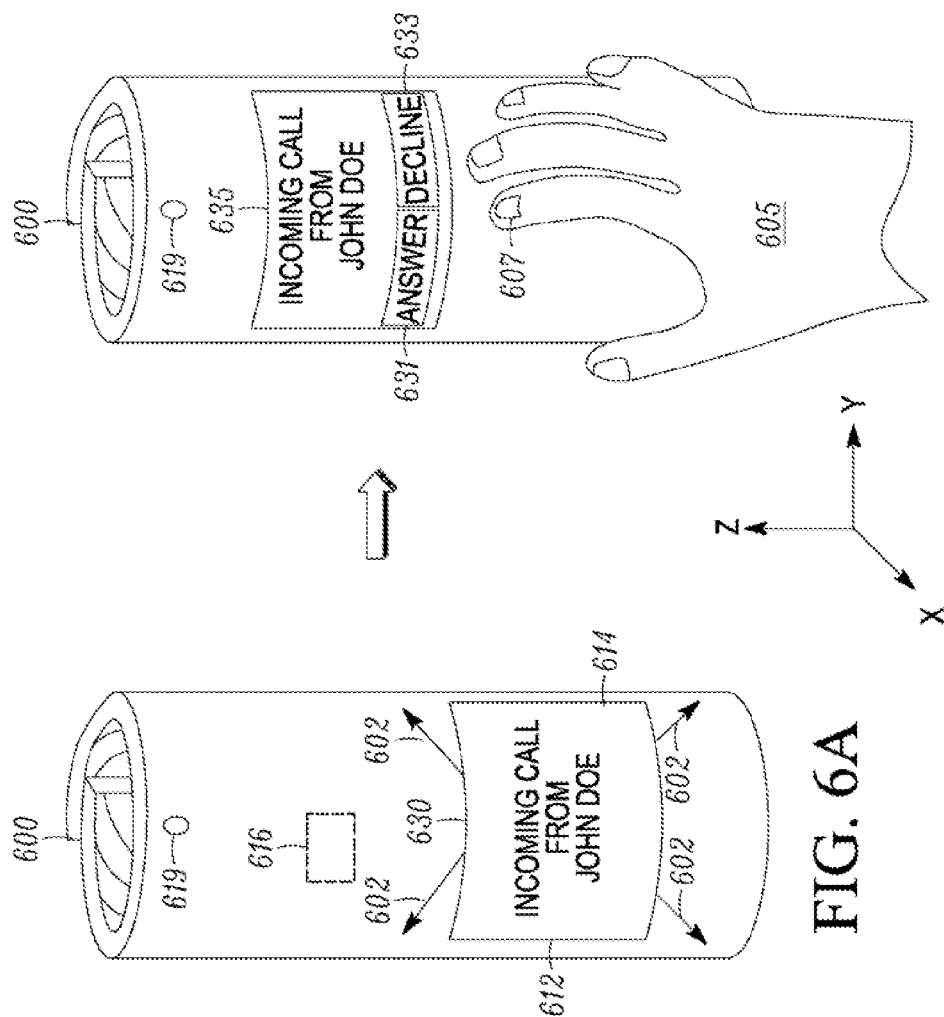


FIG. 6B

FIG. 6A



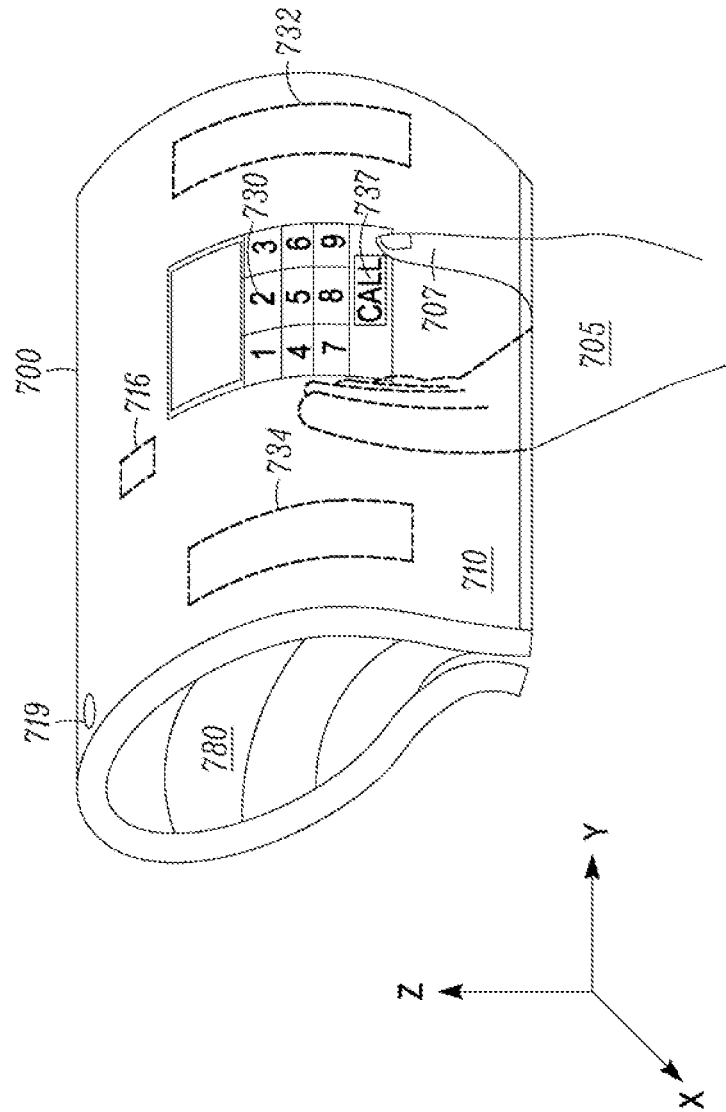


FIG. 7

800

TOUCH SCREEN CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

805

HANDEDNESS

807

☐ RIGHT

☒ LEFT

810

KEYPAD LOCATION

809

☐ UNDER FINGER

☒ PROXIMAL TO FINGER

815

PREFERRED FINGER

817

☒ INDEX

☐ MIDDLE

☐ RING

☐ PINKY

☐ THUMB

820

UPDATE

825

CANCEL

FIG.8

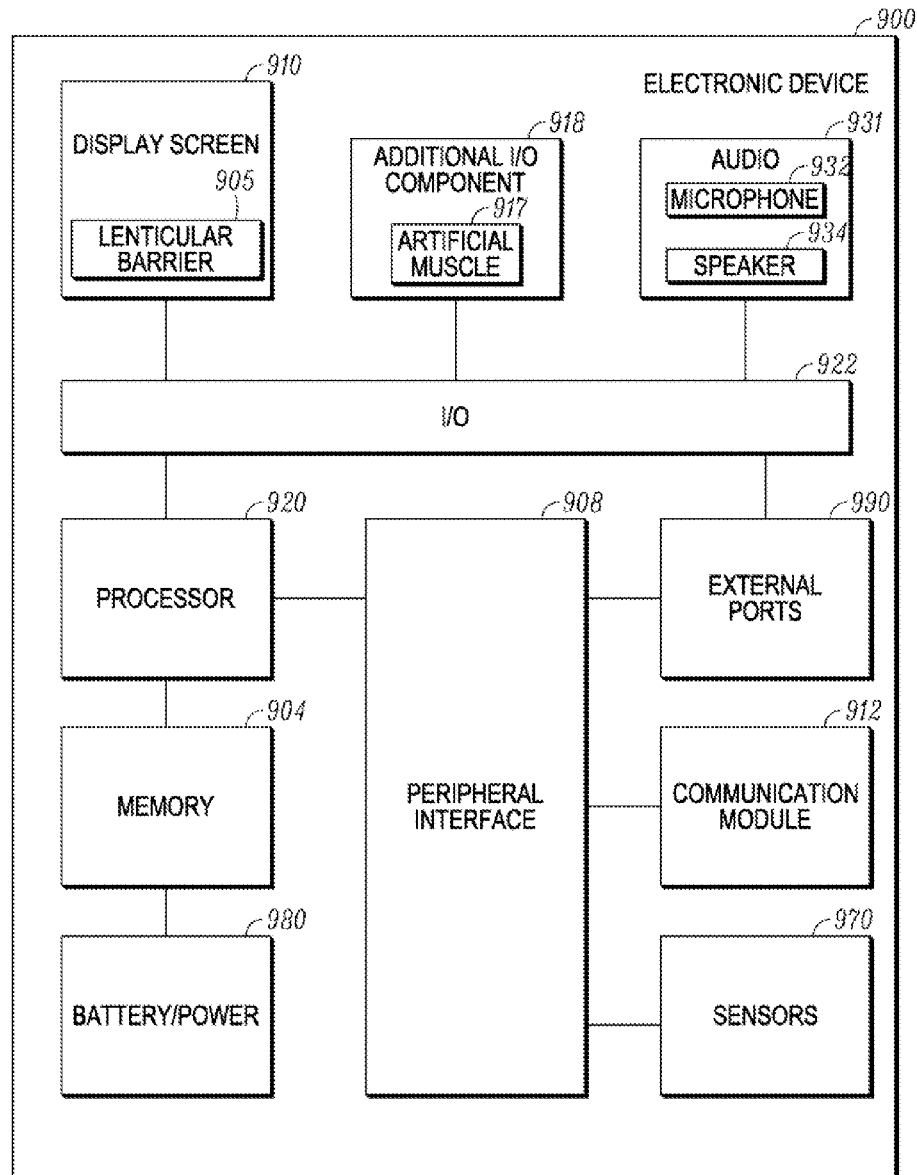


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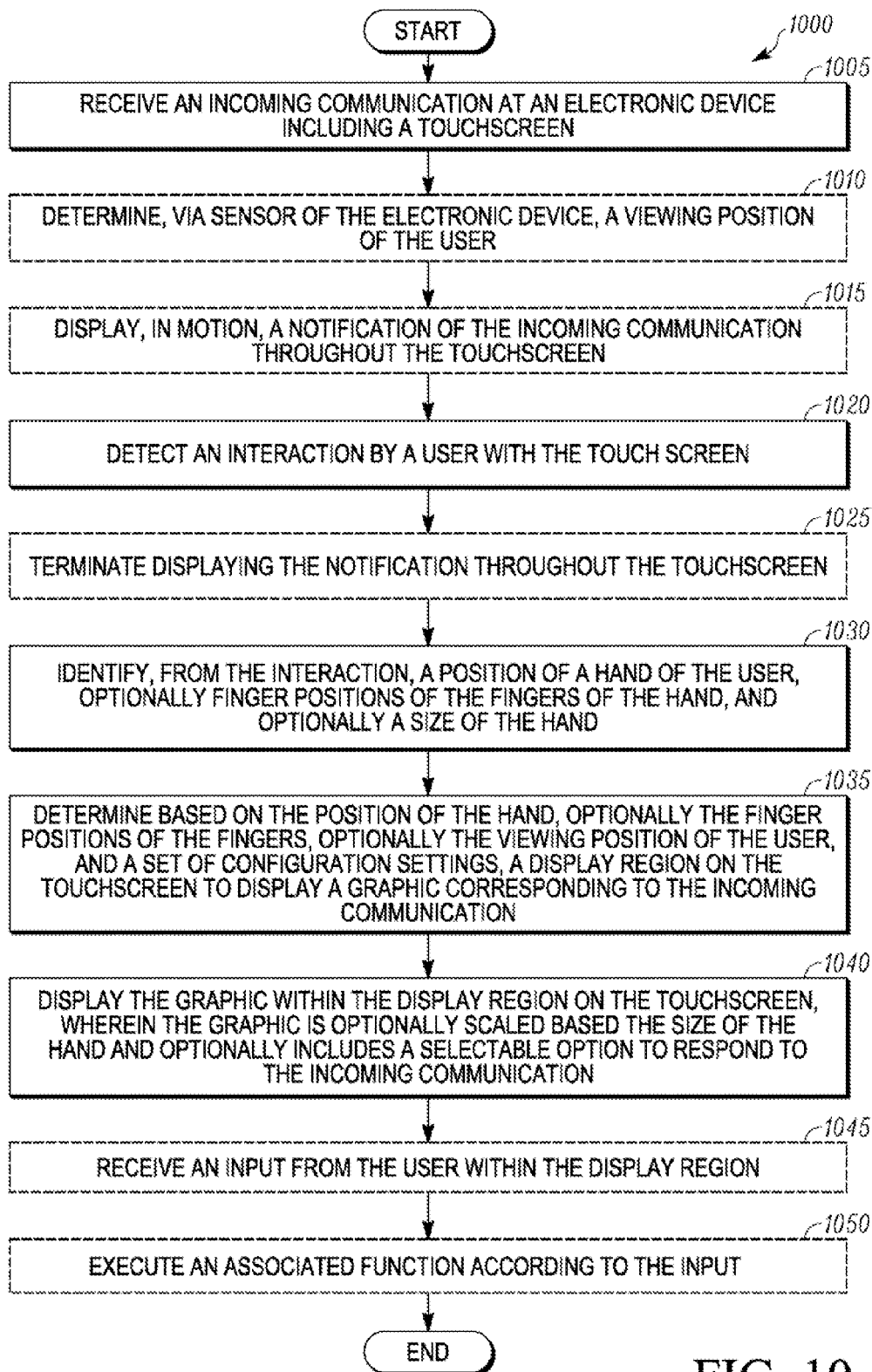


FIG. 10

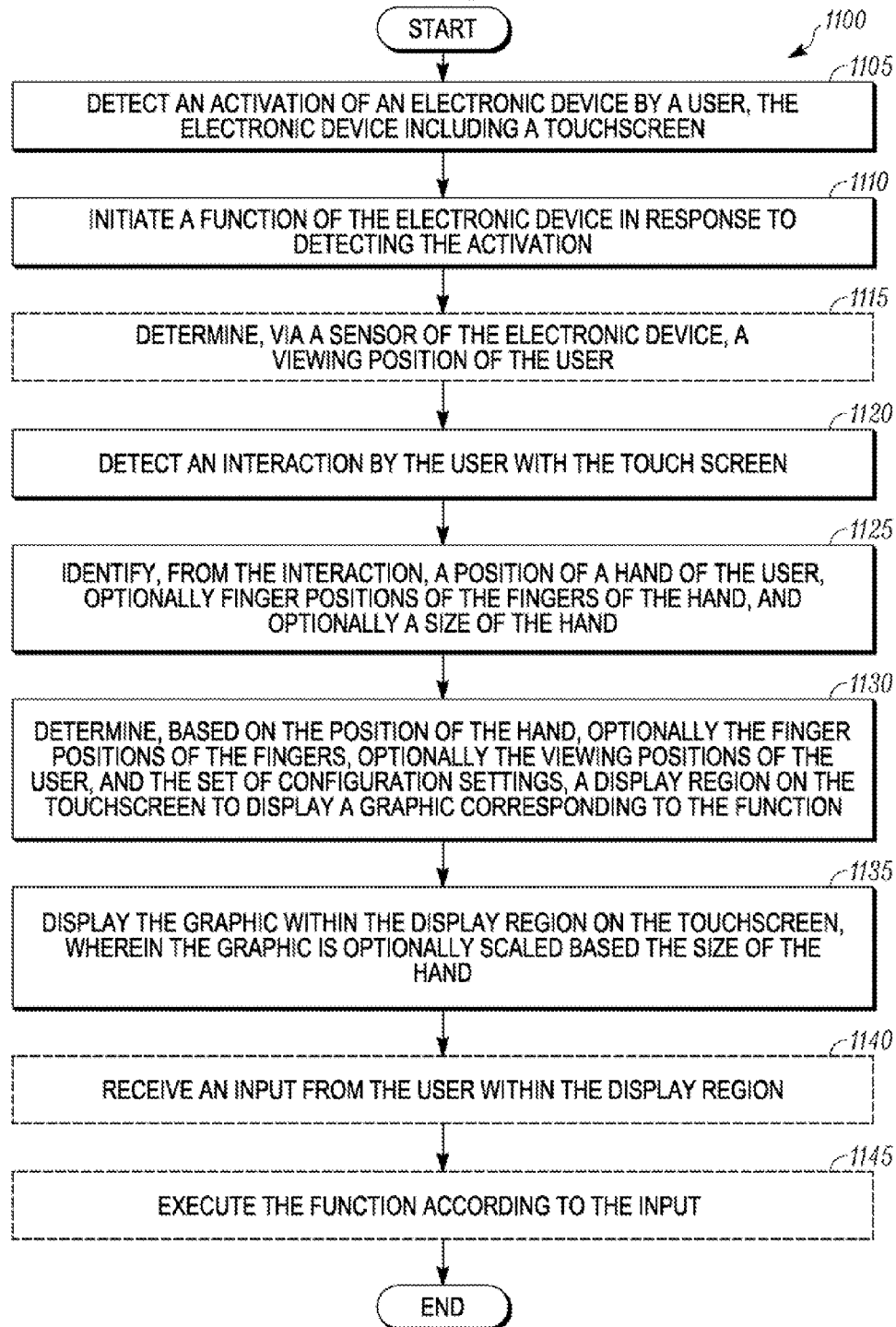


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# SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING THE DISPLAY OF CONTENT ON AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE

## FIELD

This application generally relates to managing the display of content on a flexible display of an electronic device. In particular, the application relates to platforms and techniques for rearranging input and notification regions and graphics on a flexible touchscreen of an electronic device in response to a user's interactions with the touchscreen.

## BACKGROUND

Current electronic devices can offer touchscreen functionality whereby a user can, via the touchscreen, select various device functions for execution, interact with software applications, or otherwise operate the device. The touchscreen offers a convenience and an ease of use by allowing a user to interact directly with graphics and avoid using a keyboard, mouse, touchpad, or other external peripherals.

With the advent of flexible display technology for devices, a user's physical interaction with a flexible display can disrupt the functionalities of the electronic device. For example, when the user holds the display, the output regions used to display information to the user could be covered or concealed by the user's fingers on the device. As a result, the user must exercise care when handling the flexible display and in some cases must release the display to view and interact with the available functions. Accordingly, there is an opportunity to develop techniques to interact with flexible displays.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying figures, where like reference numerals refer to identical or functionally similar elements throughout the separate views, together with the detailed description below, are incorporated in and form part of the specification, and serve to further illustrate embodiments of concepts that include the claimed embodiments, and explain various principles and advantages of those embodiments.

FIG. 1 illustrates an example electronic device in accordance with some embodiments.

FIGS. 2A and 2B illustrate an example electronic device in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 3 illustrates an example cross-section view of an electronic device in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 4 illustrates an interaction with an electronic device in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 5 illustrates an example chart associated with an interaction with an electronic device in accordance with some embodiments.

FIGS. 6A and 6B illustrate an interaction with an electronic device in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 7 illustrates an interaction with an electronic device in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 8 illustrates an example interface of an electronic device in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 9 is a block diagram of an electronic device in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 10 is a flow diagram depicting content display management in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 11 is a flow diagram depicting content display management in accordance with some embodiments.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

System and methods are disclosed for modifying content displayed on a touchscreen of an electronic device. The elec-

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tronic device can support communication functionalities, including incoming and outgoing data transmission. A user of the electronic device can interact with the touchscreen to facilitate the communication functionalities. Specifically, the electronic device can detect an interaction by the user with the touchscreen. According to embodiments, the electronic device is a rollable device wherein a flexible touchscreen forms an outer surface of the device when in a rolled configuration, and the interaction by the user can include a user grasping or gripping the rollable device. From the interaction, the electronic device identifies a positioning of the user's hand and determines an appropriate region of the touchscreen to display a graphic for responding to or initiating communication functionality. The electronic device displays the graphic within the region and receives input from the user. In some cases, the electronic device can have associated configuration settings that can influence the appropriate region of the touchscreen for displaying the graphics.

The systems and methods as discussed herein can offer features tailored to flexible display technology. In particular, the device displays a graphic associated with a communication function within a display region that is easily accessible to a user. In cases in which the user is grasping or gripping the device, the graphic placement prevents the user from inadvertently selecting undesired functionalities. Further, the graphic placement allows the user to easily select functions without having to release or change his/her grip on the device. In some embodiments, the device can determine a size of the user's hand and scale the graphic based on the hand size. Moreover, the user can configure a set of specifications to customize the location of the graphic placement. It should be appreciated that other benefits and efficiencies are envisioned. As used herein, a "rollable device" can be understood to be an electronic device with any combination of hardware and software that can include a touchscreen surface configured to be at least partly rolled or flexed.

FIG. 1 depicts an example electronic device **100** consistent with some embodiments. It should be appreciated that the electronic device **100** is merely an example and can include various combinations of hardware and/or software components.

As shown in FIG. 1, the electronic device **100** can include a display screen **110**. According to embodiments, the display screen **110** can be flexible, partially flexible, rollable, or partially rollable and can be configured to display graphical information. Further, the display screen **110** can be a touchscreen capable of receiving inputs from a user of the electronic device **100**. More particularly, the display screen **110** can include touchscreen technologies such as resistive panels, surface acoustic wave (SAW) technology, capacitive sensing (including surface capacitance, projected capacitance, mutual capacitance, and self-capacitance), infrared, optical imaging, dispersive signal technology, acoustic pulse recognition, and/or others. Further, the display screen **110** can use display technology such as electrophoretic displays, electronic paper, polyLED displays, AMOLED displays, OLED displays, liquid crystal displays, electrowetting displays, rotating ball displays, segmented displays, direct drive displays, passive-matrix displays, active-matrix displays, and/or others.

As shown in FIG. 1, the electronic device **100** can include a substrate **115** that can be configured to support the display screen **110**. In particular, the substrate **115** can be a thin flexible layer with metal, plastic, or other materials or combinations of materials. The display screen **110** and the substrate **115** can individually include one or more parts or components for supporting the display functions such as, for

example, backlights, reflectors, and/or other components. The electronic device **100** can further include a flexible battery **180** that can be capable of rolling or flexing in conjunction with the display screen **110** and the substrate **115**. The electronic device **100** can be rolled such that the display screen **110** can form at least a part of the outer surface of the electronic device **100**. The electronic device **100** can also include a processing module **120** that can be an integrated circuit containing a processor and other components configured to process user input and sensor data, and manage content display functionalities as discussed herein. As shown in FIG. 1, the processing module **120** can be located underneath or adjacent to the flexible battery **180**, or can be located in other areas.

As shown in FIG. 1, the electronic device **100** is further configured with a set of overlap sensors **125**, optional sets of touch sensors **135**, and an optional additional sensor **119**. The set of overlap sensors **125** can be placed on or embedded within the display screen **110** so that, when the electronic device **100** is rolled, the overlap sensors **125** can detect, sense, and/or refine a positioning of an overlap region(s) of the display screen **110**. In one embodiment, the set of overlap sensors **125** can be CMOS image sensors that can be embedded among display pixels of the display screen **110**. Additional overlap sensors (not shown) may be placed on or embedded within the flexible battery **180** and can be CMOS image sensors or other sensors.

In this embodiment, the flattened display screen **110** is rectangular in shape; however, any flattened shape is possible including circular, oval, triangular, polygonal, and irregular (e.g., like a flower, an alphanumeric character, or a leaf). In various embodiments, the set of overlap sensors **125** can be positioned closer or farther from the edges of the respective display screen **110** (or flexible battery **180**). Further, it should be appreciated that there can be any number of overlap sensors **125** positioned in any arrangement or orientation on the display screen **110** (or the flexible battery **180**). For example, there can be overlap sensors positioned throughout the center area of the display screen **110**. In cases where the electronic device **100** is rolled into a more conical or otherwise irregular shape, the overlap sensors positioned near or around the center area, in addition to some of the overlap sensors near the edges, can be blocked or otherwise not detect any light.

During an initialization step, the electronic device **100** can determine the extent of overlap of the display screen **110** with itself by briefly illuminating the entire display screen **110** using a particular light wavelength and sensing which of the overlap sensors **125** receive or do not receive that light. Based on the sensor information, the electronic device **100** can calculate an area where the display screen **110** overlaps with itself. More particularly, the electronic device can detect or approximate the overlap area based which of the overlap sensors **125** do not receive the initial light wavelength or detect any ambient light. A non-overlap area can be defined by the overlap sensors **125** that receive a combination of one or more of the initial light wavelength and ambient light. The overlap sensors **125** that do or do not receive the initial light wavelength and ambient light will vary based on the shape or configuration of the device (e.g., rolled to be conical, cylindrical, etc.), whether the display screen **110** is partially blocked by another structure (e.g., a table or support stand), and/or other factors. For example, if the electronic device **100** is rolled into a conical shape, then some overlap sensors **125** on one end of a particular edge of the electronic device **100** will not detect any light while other overlap sensors **125** on the opposite end of the same edge will detect light. In embodiments, the display screen **110** can include a greater concen-

tration of overlap sensors **125** near the ends of the edges to more accurately detect the overlap regions associated with conical or otherwise irregular configurations.

The optional touch sensors **135** can sense or detect user contact to control some display functionalities of the electronic device **100**. In some embodiments, the touch sensors **135** are dynamically-determined areas of the display screen **110** when the display is configured as a touchscreen. In other embodiments, the touch sensors **135** are buttons or keys. As shown in FIG. 1, the touch sensors **135** can be located underneath or adjacent to the flexible battery **180**, or can be located in other areas.

The additional sensor **119** can be any type of imaging sensor or detection component, such as a camera or proximity sensor, that can locate objects and detect changes in positions of objects within a proximity of the electronic device **100**. For example, the additional sensor **119** can identify a user's position in relation to a section of the rolled-up electronic device **100** and can "follow" the user's movement around the outside of the electronic device **100**. For further example, the additional sensor **119** may detect whether sections of the display screen **110** are obscured, for example if the electronic device **100** is lying on a table.

According to embodiments, the electronic device **100** can support a variety of functionalities and applications. For example, the electronic device **100** can support communication functionalities such as telephone calls, text messaging, video calls, Internet browsing, emailing, and/or the like. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 1, piezo elements **132**, **134** are positioned and configured to act as microphones and speakers for supporting telephony and other voice functions. For example, a first set of piezo elements **132** can act as microphones and a second set of piezo elements **134** can perform as speakers. Alternately, the piezo elements **132** can act as speakers and the piezo elements **134** can act as microphones, depending on the usage configuration of the device **100**. Further, for example, the electronic device **100** can support applications such as games, utilities (e.g., calculators, camera applications, etc.), configuration applications, and/or the like. The electronic device **100** can also support voice-activation technology that allows users to initiate and operate functions and applications of the electronic device **100**. In embodiments, the electronic device **100** can be configured to connect to various wired or wireless personal, local, or wide area networks to facilitate communication with network components and/or other devices.

The various functionalities and applications of the electronic device **100** can have associated display regions and graphics configured for presentation or display on the display screen **110**. In embodiments, the electronic device **100** can receive inputs, selections, and/or the like via virtual keys displayed on the display screen **110** of the electronic device **100**. For example, a telephone application of the electronic device **100** can have a graphic including information or selection options such as a dialpad (e.g., a Bell-type dialpad), a caller ID box, various selections associated with functions of the telephone application (e.g., "Dial," "End," etc.), and/or others. For further example, a text messaging application of the electronic device **100** can have a graphic including information or selection options such as a keyboard (e.g., a QWERTY keyboard), a text history, a contact ID, various selections associated with functions of the text messaging application (e.g., "Send," "Cancel," etc.), and/or others. It should be appreciated that the graphic displayed by the electronic device can include any combination of content that can be displayed such as, for example, characters, letters, icons, images, numbers, and/or the like.

According to embodiments, the processing module **120** of the electronic device **100** can be configured to manage the display of the graphics based on accelerometer **116** measurements, locations of user contact with the display screen **110**, viewing positions of the user, and/or other variables. More particularly, the display screen **110** positions the graphics such that, for example, a user's hand will not obscure the displayed graphics. Further, for example, the display screen **110** positions the graphics in regions that allow the user to easily and effectively select options or input information without having to release contact with or re-grip the electronic device **100**. In embodiments, a user can specify a set of configuration options that can refine or customize the display of the graphics.

FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B depict different views of an example electronic device **200** in two configurations **205**, **207** in accordance with embodiments. The configuration **205** shows a rectangular flexible display (such as the display screen **110**) rolled into a tube-like shape and the configuration **207** shows a rectangular flexible display rolled into a "pinch" configuration. It should be appreciated that other configurations are envisioned, including cone-like shapes (see FIG. 4) or other oblique or irregular shapes. Further, in cases in which the electronic device is rectangular in shape, the embodiments envision the configurations **205**, **207** as being rolled or shaped either "long-wise" or "short-wise."

The configuration **205** as depicted in FIG. 2A is configured such that a display screen **210** is on the outside surface and a flexible battery **280** is on the inside surface. The electronic device configuration **207** as depicted in FIG. 2B also has the display screen **210** on the outside surface and the flexible battery **280** doubles over itself in a "pinch" configuration, which has a tear-drop-shaped cross section. A processing module **220** can be located on a side of the electronic device opposite from the display screen **210**. The processing module **220** can include an accelerometer **216** that can determine an orientation of the electronic device in each configuration **205**, **207** with respect to gravity. For example, referring to FIGS. 2A and 2B, gravity can pull in the negative z-axis direction such that the device of configuration **205** is standing "on end" and the device of configuration **207** has its "pinch" region pointing "down." The electronic device **200** can also be configured with an additional sensor **219** to help determine a viewing position of a user, track movements of the user, detect nearby objects or surfaces, and/or perform other optical detection functionalities.

Each of the configurations **205**, **207** also depict a graphic **230** that can be displayed on the display screen **210**. For example, the graphic **230** can indicate an incoming communication with options to open **231** or ignore **233** the communication. According to embodiments, the device can determine the gravitational direction (e.g., negative z-axis direction) via the accelerometer **216**, and can orient or arrange the graphic **230** in an upright position with respect to the gravitational direction. For example, as illustrated in FIGS. 2A and 2B, the graphic **230** in each of the configurations **205**, **207** is oriented in an upright position (z-axis direction). It should be understood that the arrangement of the graphic **230** is independent of the orientation or positioning of the electronic device. For example, if the electronic device of the configuration **205** falls on its side, then the device can rotate the graphic **230** orientation such that the graphic **230** is still arranged upright with respect to gravity.

A set of overlap sensors **225** as illustrated with respect to the configuration **205** can be configured to detect, sense, or otherwise locate an overlap region **204** of the electronic device. More particularly, the set of overlap sensors **225** can

sense or detect events indicating that at least part of the display screen **210** is obscured as a result of an overlap with itself, the flexible battery **280**, and/or other components. In some cases, the set of overlap sensors **225** can detect an overlap with a non-display element, such as a desktop. The overlap sensors **225** can be positioned on the display screen **210** in any type of configuration, as discussed with respect to FIG. 1. As shown in FIG. 2A, the overlap region **204** is defined by lines **212** and **214**. For example, when the entire display screen **210** is briefly illuminated using a light of a particular wavelength, the sensors receiving that wavelength of light and the sensors not receiving that wavelength of light can be analyzed to determine the extent of the overlap region **204**. When an illumination mode of the configuration **205** is initiated, the flexible display screen **210** can be illuminated except for the overlap region **204**. It should be appreciated that the systems and methods contemplate various orientations, amounts of, and location placements for the optional sensor **219** and the set of overlap sensors **225**.

As shown in the configuration **205**, one or more overlap sensors **225** on one edge of the display screen **210** can be blocked, and thus detect the overlap region **204**, while one or more additional overlap sensors **225** on the opposite edge of the display screen **210** can detect ambient light. More particularly, during an initialization step of the electronic device, the additional overlap sensors **225** that are not blocked can detect ambient light as well as the initialization light of the particular wavelength, and the overlap sensors **225** that are blocked can detect little or no light. The size of the calculated overlap region **204** increases as more overlap sensors **225** do not detect any ambient light or the initialization light.

As shown in the configuration **207**, one or more overlap sensors **225** on one half of the display screen **210** can be blocked by the surface supporting the electronic device **200**, while one or more additional overlap sensors **225** on the other half of the display screen **210** can detect ambient light. More particularly, during an initialization step of the electronic device, the overlap sensors **225** may all detect the initialization light of the particular wavelength but only some of the sensors **225** detect ambient light as well as the initialization light. In other situations, the blocked sensors **225** detect neither initialization light nor ambient light while the other sensors detect both initialization light and ambient light. The size of the blocked overlap region **204** increases as more overlap sensors **225** do not detect any ambient light or the initialization light.

The electronic device in either configuration **205**, **207** can further include a substrate that includes an artificial muscle component that can change shape or size when stimulated by an electric charge. For example, the artificial muscle can be an electroactive polymer with piezoelectric materials that can deform when subject to a voltage application, and which also might generate a voltage when mechanically deformed. In operation, the artificial muscle can activate or engage to hold the electronic device in a position. For example, the user can roll the electronic device into a tube-like shape, and the artificial muscle can activate to maintain the shape. In some cases, the bending of the artificial muscle by an external force (e.g., the user) can activate an electrical signal, and a polarity of the signal can indicate a configuration of the electronic device. The electronic device can further include piezo elements **232**, **234**, configured to act as microphones and speakers for supporting telephony and other voice functions, and touch sensors **235**.

FIG. 3 depicts a cross-section view of an electronic device **300**. It should be appreciated that the cross-section view is



merely an example and the electronic device **300** can include various combinations of components and placements thereof.

As shown in FIG. 3, the electronic device **300** can include a display screen **310** with a touch-sensitive layer integrated therein. More particularly, the touch-sensitive layer can sense touch events with, for example, a user's hand. The electronic device **300** can include a variable lenticular barrier **305** that can control the direction of the display of content. For example, the variable lenticular barrier **305** can display content in any or all directions as indicated by arrows **306** as shown in FIG. 3. According to embodiments, a user of the electronic device **300** can control the content display direction via one or more touch sensors **335**. As shown in FIG. 3, the electronic device **300** can also have one or more overlap sensors **325** and an optional additional sensor **319**, as discussed herein. In embodiments, the overlap sensors **325** and the additional sensor **319** can be disposed on the variable lenticular barrier **305**, a battery layer **387**, or in/on other locations of the electronic device **300**, such as within the active matrix of the display screen **310**. The electronic device **300** can further include piezo elements **332**, **334** configured to act as microphones and speakers for supporting telephony and other voice functions.

The electronic device **300** can further include a substrate **315** that can be capable of supporting the display screen **310**. The substrate **315** can include an artificial muscle **317** component that can change shape when stimulated by an electric charge. For example, the artificial muscle **317** can be an electroactive polymer with piezoelectric materials that can deform when subject to a voltage application, and which also generate a voltage when deformed by external forces. In operation, the artificial muscle **317** can activate or engage to hold the electronic device **300** in a position. For example, the user can roll the electronic device **300** into a tube-like shape, and the artificial muscle **317** can activate to maintain the shape. In some cases, the bending of the artificial muscle **317** by an external force (e.g., the user) can activate an electrical signal, and a polarity of the signal can indicate whether the electronic device **300** is rolled with the display screen **310** as an inside surface or an outside surface.

The electronic device **300** can be powered by a battery **380** including one or more battery layers **387** and an electrolyte layer **385**. In embodiments, the battery layers **387** can be lithium-ion batteries or other battery types or variants, and can be made using various types of conductive material. Further, in embodiments, the electrolyte layer **385** can have LiPON or other materials or combinations of materials. It should be appreciated that although the battery is depicted as having two battery layers **387** and one electrolyte layer **385**, embodiments contemplate various amounts and combinations of layers, as well as materials and compositions thereof. In embodiments, the battery layers **387** and the electrolyte layer **385** can be laminated or otherwise affixed to the substrate **315** or other components of the electronic device **300**.

According to some embodiments, the electronic device **300** can have a processing module **320**, an accelerometer **316**, and the one or more touch sensors **335** disposed on the battery layer **387**. In operation, the processing module **320** can include an integrated circuit, a processor, and other components, and can be configured to interface with the battery layers **387**, the artificial muscle **317**, the display screen **310**, the variable lenticular barrier **305**, the overlap sensors **325**, the additional sensor **319**, and the one or more touch sensors **335** to process and facilitate the operations and functionalities of the electronic device **300** as discussed herein.

Referring to FIG. 4, depicted is an example rollable device **400** in accordance with embodiments. It should be appreci-

ated that the rollable device **400** is merely an example and other components, sizes of components, and scales of components are envisioned. The rollable device **400** includes a display screen **410** that makes up an outer surface of the rollable device **400** in this configuration, and can display content and receive input from a user at any location(s) of the outer surface. Note that the overlap region in this configuration is triangular rather than rectangular in shape. The rollable device **400** can include a set of overlap sensors **425** positioned on the display screen **410** and/or the flexible battery that can detect the overlap area, as discussed herein.

As shown in FIG. 4, a user's hand **405** is depicted grasping, gripping, or otherwise making contact with the display screen **410**. In some cases, the display screen **410** can be inactive or otherwise not displaying any content when contacted by the user's hand **405**. If an illumination mode is initiated subsequent to the contact, the display screen **410** can be configured to obscure any overlap areas as well as any areas or regions associated with the user contact. In other cases, the display screen **410** can be in an illumination mode initiated prior to the user's hand **405** contacting the display screen **410**. In yet other situations, the illumination mode can be initiated prior to rolling the display screen **410**, and the overlap region is subsequently determined as well as the hand **405** contact region. When contacted, the display screen **410** can be configured to obscure any overlap areas as well as any areas or regions associated with user contact.

According to embodiments, the rollable device **400** can determine a position of the user's hand **405** and components thereof (e.g., thumb, index finger, etc.) after the user's hand **405** makes contact with the display screen **410**. For example, the display screen **410** can recognize touch events at one or more of a series of nodes of the display screen **410**, generate signals corresponding to the touch events, and send the signals to a processor of the rollable device **400**. The processor can analyze the signals to determine a mapping of the touch events and the corresponding points of contact by the user's hand **405**.

Referring to FIG. 5, an illustration of a display screen interface **500** and nodes thereof are depicted. More particularly, the display screen interface **500** depicts a two-dimensional view of an outer surface touchscreen of a rollable electronic device (such as the display screen **410** as discussed with respect to FIG. 4). As shown, the display screen interface **500** represents a touchscreen including a series of nodes, depicted as grid line intersections, that can sense a surface contact from, for example, a user's hand. More particularly, the touchscreen can detect a surface contact with one or more contacted nodes **505**. Further, the touchscreen can generate a signal(s) in response to the nodes **505** being contacted and transmit the signal(s) to a processor of the electronic device. Upon receipt, the processor can generate an image of the display screen interface **500** at a particular point in time, and in response to the nodes **505** sensing contact. In embodiments, the signals corresponding to the contacted nodes **505** can have indications of high or low points based on changes in capacitance due to the surface contact at each of the contacted nodes **505**. The processor can compare the generated image to previous images to identify changes in surface contact as well as determine which action(s) to perform. For example, the processor can detect that a user's hand re-grips the display screen interface **500** and determine that a graphic can be re-displayed at a location or region based on the new nodes that sense contact. Thus, a formerly obscured region can become unobscured.

According to embodiments, the processor can analyze the signals corresponding to the contacted nodes **505** to deter-

mine an outline **510** of a user's hand. More particularly, the processor can approximate the sizes and locations of individual fingers, locate fingertips **507**, and can generate the outline **510** according to the approximations. In some cases, the outline **510** can encompass most or all of the contacted nodes **505** at a point in time. In other cases, some user grips will only include the area contacted by the fingertips **507**. In embodiments, the processor can determine or approximate a size of the user's hand based on the shape and size of the outline **510** or the size of the fingertips **507** and distance between the detected fingertips **507**. Further, the processor can examine the outline **510** to determine which hand (left or right) is contacting the touchscreen, as well as the specific fingers (e.g., thumb, index finger, etc.) and the locations of the specific fingers.

FIG. 6A and FIG. 6B depict an example rollable electronic device **600** that supports communication functionalities. In embodiments as shown, the communication is an incoming call, however other communications and functionalities thereof are envisioned. Referring to FIG. 6A, the electronic device **600** can detect the incoming call without, or prior to, any interaction with a user. In response to detecting the call, an accelerometer **616** of the electronic device **600** can identify an orientation of the electronic device **600**. More particularly, the accelerometer **616** can identify an upward orientation for graphics displayed by the electronic device **600** based on a "z-axis" with respect to gravity. Further, the electronic device **600** can identify a viewing position of the user via an additional sensor **619** such as a camera or proximity sensor. For example, the user can be positioned at various locations around the circumference of the electronic device **600**. In some embodiments, the sensor **619** can detect which areas of the touchscreen are exposed or obscured. For example, the electronic device **600** can be lying on its side with part of the electronic device **600** contacting a surface and thus obscuring the current "bottom" of the device **600**.

The touchscreen of the electronic device **600** can display a notification **630** of the incoming call. For example, the notification **630** can indicate the incoming call and the source of the incoming call. In embodiments, the location of the notification **630** can be based on the viewing position of the user and/or the area(s) of the touchscreen that is exposed, as detected via the sensor **619** and overlap sensors (not shown). Further, the orientation of the notification **630** can be based on the orientation of the electronic device **600** with respect to gravity as detected by the accelerometer. For example, the notification **630** can face "up" even though the electronic device **600** may be on its side. In some cases, the notification **630** can include selectable options to answer **631** or decline **633** the call. The touchscreen can display the notification **630** in motion **602** throughout the touchscreen area. More particularly, the motion **602** can be a random or programmed motion that "moves" the notification **630** at various speeds throughout the touchscreen area. In some embodiments, the motion **602** can correspond to the notification **630** resizing larger or smaller, pulsing, and/or displaying in other movements. Further, the notification **630** can display on any area of the touchscreen except for an area defined by an overlap of the touchscreen and/or other non-display elements, such as a desktop, as sensed by one or more overlap sensors.

In some embodiments, the electronic device **600** can be equipped with one or more audio components, such as a piezo element microphone and/or speaker, that can activate or deactivate based on the viewing position of the user, any overlaps in the touchscreen, and/or any obscured or exposed areas or regions. More particularly, the electronic device **600** can identify one of more of the audio components that face toward

the user. In this way, the electronic device **600** can efficiently and effectively transmit audio to and/or receive audio from the user. In embodiments, the audio components can be speakers or microphones, such as piezoelectric speakers or microphones.

According to embodiments, the touchscreen of the electronic device **600** can sense contact by a user's hand **605**. In response to sensing the contact, the rollable device **600** can identify or determine the components of the user's hand **605** such as, for example, an outline of the user's hand **605**, the sizes, types, and locations of the fingertips, and/or other information, as discussed herein. Further, the rollable device can examine any configuration settings associated with the display of notifications. For example, the configuration settings can specify that the notification graphic **635** should be displayed near or under an index finger **607** of the user. In addition, when the contact by the user's hand **605** is sensed, the electronic device **600** can terminate the in-motion display of the notification **630** and display a notification graphic **635** (in this case, a notification having a graphic similar to notification **630**) at an appropriate region of the touchscreen based on the position of the user's hand **605** and optionally the configuration settings. For example, referring to FIG. 6B, the notification graphic **635** is located near the index finger **607** of the user's right hand **605**. Further, the user can select to answer **631** or decline **633** the incoming call with his/her index finger **607** without having to release his/her grip of the rollable device **600**. In embodiments, the user can reposition the notification graphic **635** to any location or region on the touchscreen via various gestures or combinations of gestures. For example, the user can drag-and-drop the graphic **635**, swipe at the graphic **635**, and/or perform other single- or multi-touch gestures.

FIG. 7 depicts an example rollable electronic device **700** that supports communication functionalities. In this example, the electronic device **700** is in a "pinch" configuration (see FIG. 2B) with the flexible display screen **710** as an outer surface and the flexible battery **780** as an inner surface. In embodiments as shown, the communication is an outgoing call, however other communications and functionalities thereof are envisioned. For example, a user can use the rollable device **700** to send an outgoing text message. In embodiments, the user can initiate the outgoing communication functionalities in various ways. For example, in some cases, the user can select an appropriate function from the electronic device **700** itself, such as from a menu or application. In other cases, the electronic device **700** can initiate the functionalities in response to a voice command received from the user. In further cases, the user can initiate the functionalities via single- or multi-touch gestures with the touchscreen of the electronic device **700**, and/or via other interactions with the electronic device **700**.

In some cases, in response to the user initiating the function, an accelerometer **716** of the electronic device **700** can identify an orientation of the electronic device **700**. More particularly, the accelerometer can identify an upward orientation based on a "z-axis" with respect to gravity. Further, the electronic device **700** can identify a viewing position of the user via a sensor **719** such as a camera or proximity sensor, as discussed herein. For example, the user can be positioned at various locations around the circumference of the electronic device **700**. In some embodiments, the sensor **719** can detect which areas of the touchscreen are exposed or obscured. For example, the electronic device **700** can be lying on its side with part of the electronic device **700** contacting a surface.

During or after initiation of the outgoing call function, the touchscreen of the electronic device **700** can display a dial

pad **730** for receiving input from the user. In some cases, the touchscreen can display the dial pad **730** in motion throughout the surface of the touchscreen, as similarly discussed herein with respect to FIG. 6A. The location or region of the dial pad **730** can be based on the viewing position of the user and/or the area(s) of the touchscreen that is exposed as detected via the sensor **719** and/or overlap sensors (not shown). Further, the orientation of the dial pad **730** can be based on the orientation of the electronic device **700** as detected by the accelerometer **716**. For example, the dial pad **730** can face “up” with respect to the z-axis even though the electronic device **700** may be on its side. In embodiments, the dial pad **730** can be a Bell-type keypad that includes selectable alphanumeric characters, or other types of keypads or input regions. For example, in cases in which the outgoing communication is a text message, the touchscreen can display a QWERTY keyboard. In some cases, the dial pad **730** can display on any area of the touchscreen except for an area defined by an overlap of the touchscreen, as sensed by one or more overlap sensors (not shown).

In some embodiments, the electronic device **700** can be equipped with one or more audio components, such as piezo elements **732**, **734** for use as a microphone and/or a speaker, that can activate or deactivate based on the viewing position of the user, any overlaps in the touchscreen, and/or any obscured or exposed areas or regions. More particularly, the electronic device **700** can identify one of more of the audio components that face toward the user. In this way, the electronic device **700** can efficiently and effectively transmit audio to and/or receive audio from the user. In embodiments, the audio components can be speakers or microphones, such as piezoelectric speakers or microphones.

According to embodiments, the touchscreen of the electronic device **700** can sense contact by a user’s hand **705**. In response to sensing the contact, the electronic device **700** can identify or determine the components of the user’s hand **705** such as, for example, the outline of the user’s hand **705**, the sizes, types, and locations of the fingertips, and/or other information such as the distance between fingers, as discussed herein. Further, the electronic device **700** can examine any configuration settings associated with the display of input regions. For example, the configuration settings can specify that the dial pad **730** should be displayed near the thumb **707** of the user. For further example, the configuration settings can specify that the “5” key of the dial pad **730** should be displayed under the thumb **707** of the user. In addition, when the contact by the user’s hand **705** is sensed, the electronic device **700** can terminate any in-motion display of the dial pad **730** and transition the dial pad **730** to an appropriate location of the touchscreen based on the position of the user’s hand **705** and the configuration settings. For example, referring to FIG. 7, the dial pad **730** is located near the thumb **707** of the user’s left hand **705**. Further, as shown in FIG. 7, the user can select to call **737** an appropriate party based on the number that is entered into the dial pad **730** via, for example, the thumb **707** or a finger of the other hand. In embodiments, the user can reposition the dial pad **730** to any location or region on the touchscreen via various gestures or combinations of gestures. For example, the user can drag-and-drop the dial pad **730**, swipe at the dial pad **730**, and/or perform other single- or multi-touch gestures.

FIG. 8 details an example user interface of an electronic device (such as the device **100** as shown in FIG. 1). More particularly, the user interface can be a configuration options screen **800** that can be displayed on a touchscreen of the electronic device. The options screen **800** can allow the user to select various options associated with displaying the noti-

fications and the graphics as discussed herein. It should be appreciated that the options screen **800** and options thereof are examples and can include other various options and combinations of options.

The options screen **800** includes a handedness selection **805**. More particularly, the handedness selection **805** has options **807** for right and left handedness. If the user selects the right handedness option, then the user can envision handling the electronic device primarily with his or her right hand. Similarly, if the user selects the left handedness option, then the user can envision handling the electronic device primarily with his or her left hand. It should be appreciated that in some embodiments, the device can automatically detect which hand (left or right) is handling the electronic device, based on the detected position of fingertips and models of common hand positions, and can modify a handedness setting accordingly. The options screen **800** further includes a keypad location section **810** with options **809** related to where a graphic will be displayed on the electronic device. As shown, the options **809** can include options to display the keypad under a finger or proximal to the finger. For example, if a user desires to initiate a telephone call, then in response to the user grasping or gripping the electronic device, the keypad to enter in an associated telephone number can display under one of the user’s fingers or proximal to the user’s finger.

Further, the options screen **800** includes a preferred finger section **815** including options **817** for the user to select a finger from which the graphic location is determined. In particular, if the user selects the index finger, then the graphic to respond to or initiate a communication or function can be displayed under or near the index finger. The user can make similar selections for the thumb, middle, ring, and pinky fingers, as shown in FIG. 8. If the user is satisfied with the selections of the options screen **800**, then the user can select an update option **820**, shown as a virtual key displayed on the touch screen, to save the selected options. Further, the user can select a cancel option **825** to cancel any selections made on the options screen **800**.

FIG. 9 illustrates an example electronic device **900** in which the embodiments may be implemented. The electronic device **900** can include a processor **920**, memory **904** (e.g., hard drives, flash memory, MicroSD cards, and others), a power module **980** (e.g., flexible batteries, wired or wireless charging circuits, etc.), a peripheral interface **908**, and one or more external ports **990** (e.g., Universal Serial Bus (USB), HDMI, Firewire, and/or others). The electronic device **900** can further include a communication module **912** configured to interface with the one or more external ports **990**. For example, the communication module **912** can include one or more transceivers functioning in accordance with IEEE standards, 3GPP standards, or other standards, and configured to receive and transmit data via the one or more external ports **990**. More particularly, the communication module **912** can include one or more WWAN transceivers configured to communicate with a wide area network including one or more cell sites or base stations to communicatively connect the electronic device **900** to additional devices or components. Further, the communication module **912** can include one or more WLAN and/or WPAN transceivers configured to connect the electronic device **900** to local area networks and/or personal area networks, such as a Bluetooth® network.

The electronic device **900** can further include one or more sensors **970** such as, for example, accelerometers, gyroscopic sensors (e.g., three angular-axis sensors), proximity sensors (e.g., light detecting sensors, or infrared receivers or transceivers), tilt sensors, cameras, and/or other sensors; and an audio module **931** including hardware components such as a

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speaker **934** for outputting audio and a microphone **932** for receiving audio. In embodiments, the speaker **934** and the microphone **932** can be piezoelectric components. The electronic device **900** further includes an input/output (I/O) controller **922**, a display screen **910**, and additional I/O components **918** (e.g., an artificial muscle **917**, capacitors, keys, buttons, lights, LEDs, cursor control devices, haptic devices, and others). The display screen **910** and the additional I/O components **918** may be considered to form portions of a user interface (e.g., portions of the electronic device **900** associated with presenting information to the user and/or receiving inputs from the user).

In embodiments, the display screen **910** is a touchscreen display with singular or combinations of display technologies such as electrophoretic displays, electronic paper, polyLED displays, OLED displays, AMOLED displays, liquid crystal displays, electrowetting displays, rotating ball displays, segmented displays, direct drive displays, passive-matrix displays, active-matrix displays, and/or others. Further, the display screen **910** can include a thin, transparent touch sensor component superimposed upon a display section that is viewable by a user. For example, such displays include capacitive displays, resistive displays, surface acoustic wave (SAW) displays, optical imaging displays, and the like. The display screen can also include a lenticular barrier **905** (see FIG. 3) configured to control an illumination direction.

The display screen **910** can be configured to interact with various manipulators, such as a human finger or hand. Each type of manipulator, when brought into contact with the display screen **910**, can cause the display screen **910** to produce a signal that can be received and interpreted as a touch event by the processor **920**. The display screen **910** can also detect any overlap regions associated with the electronic device **900**. The processor **920** is configured to determine the location of the contact on the surface of the display screen **910**, as well as other selected attributes of the touch event (e.g., movement of the manipulator(s) across the surface of the screen, directions and velocities of such movement, touch pressure, touch duration, and others).

The display screen **910** or one of the additional I/O components **918** can also provide haptic feedback to the user (e.g., a clicking response or keypress feel) in response to a touch event. The display screen **910** can have any suitable rectilinear or curvilinear shape, and may be oriented, rolled, or otherwise manipulated in any desired fashion. The illustrated embodiments, without loss of generality, depict rectangular regions rolled into a tube-like shape (see FIGS. 6A and 6B). However, embodiments comprehend any range of shapes, sizes, and orientations for the display screen **910** such as, for example, tear drop-like (see FIG. 7) or cone-like shapes (see FIG. 4), semi-rolled shapes, and/or the like. In general, a computer program product in accordance with an embodiment includes a computer usable storage medium (e.g., standard random access memory (RAM), an optical disc, a universal serial bus (USB) drive, or the like) having computer-readable program code embodied therein, wherein the computer-readable program code is adapted to be executed by the processor **920** (e.g., working in connection with an operating system) to implement a user interface method as described below. In this regard, the program code may be implemented in any desired language, and may be implemented as machine code, assembly code, byte code, interpretable source code or the like (e.g., via C, C++, Java, Actionscript, Objective-C, Javascript, CSS, XML, and/or others).

FIG. 10 is a flowchart of a method **1000** for an electronic device (such as the electronic device **100** as shown in FIG. 1) to manage the display of content on a display screen of the

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electronic device. More particularly, the method **1000** relates to the electronic device managing the display of content in response to receiving an incoming communication.

The method **1000** begins with the electronic device receiving **1005** an incoming communication. For example, the incoming communication can be a text message (e.g., SMS, MMS, etc.), telephone call, or other data communication. The electronic device optionally determines **1010**, via a sensor of the electronic device, a viewing position of the user. For example, the sensor can be a camera configured to detect the presence and/or location of a user relative to the display. The electronic device optionally displays **1015**, in motion throughout the touchscreen, a notification of the incoming communication. More particularly, the notification can “bounce” around the touchscreen area of the electronic device so that a user of the electronic device has a greater chance of seeing or noticing the notification. In embodiments, the notification can be a pop-up notification that can indicate the communication and/or a source of the communication, and a display region of the notification can be based on the viewing position of the user.

The electronic device detects **1020** an interaction by the user with the touchscreen. For example, the user can grasp the electronic device (such as illustrated in FIG. 4) with his/her left or right hand such that multiple fingers of the user’s hand are in contact with the touchscreen. The electronic device optionally terminates **1025** displaying the notification in motion throughout the touchscreen and identifies **1030**, from the interaction, a position of a hand of the user. In some cases, the electronic device can optionally identify finger or fingertip positions of the individual fingers of the hand, the handedness (right or left), and a size of the hand, in accordance with the functionalities as discussed herein.

The electronic device determines **1035**, based on the position of the hand (and optionally the finger position(s) of the finger(s)), a display region on the touchscreen to display a graphic corresponding to the incoming communication. For example, the display region can be in proximity to the user’s hand, or specifically the user’s index finger (or other fingers) such that the user does not need to release or re-grip the electronic device to interact with the graphics. In some cases, the display region can be underneath one of the user’s fingers, such as the user’s index finger. In embodiments, the display region can also be determined based on the viewing position of the user and/or a set of configuration settings relating to preferences of the user. The electronic device displays **1040** the graphic within the display region on the touchscreen. In embodiments, the electronic device can optionally scale the graphic based on the size of the hand, and the graphic can optionally include a selectable option to respond to the incoming communication. For example, if the incoming communication is a telephone call, then the graphic can include an “answer” option and/or other elements. For further example, if the incoming communication is a text message, then the graphic can include a virtual keyboard or keypad, a “send” option, and/or other elements.

The electronic device optionally receives **1045** an input from the user within the display region. For example, the user can select to answer a telephone call by contacting a virtual button on a touchscreen or the user can view a text message by touching a key on a virtual keyboard. The electronic device optionally executes **1050** an associated function according to the input. For example, the electronic device can connect to an incoming telephone call if the user selects to answer the telephone call, or the electronic device can display and reply to an incoming text message as the user directs. It should be appreciated that other associated functions related to incoming communications are envisioned.

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FIG. 11 is a flowchart of a method 1100 for an electronic device (such as the electronic device 100 as shown in FIG. 1) to manage the display of content on a touchscreen of the electronic device. More particularly, the method 1100 relates to the electronic device managing the display of content in response to the user initiating a function such as an outgoing communication or other application.

The method 1100 begins with the electronic device detecting 1105 an activation of the electronic device by a user, wherein the electronic device includes a touchscreen. The electronic device initiates 1110 a function of the electronic device in response to detecting the activation. For example, the function can be an outgoing communication such as a telephone call or a text message (e.g., SMS, MMS, etc.). In some cases, the function can be associated with an application of the electronic device, such as a calendar function, a calculator function, a game, a camera application, or the like. In embodiments, initiating the function results in displaying a graphic on the touchscreen such as, for example, a dialpad.

The electronic device optionally determines 1115, via a sensor of the electronic device, a viewing position of the user. For example, the sensor can be a camera configured to detect the presence and/or location of a user relative to the display. The electronic device detects 1120 an interaction by the user with the touchscreen. For example, the user can grasp the electronic device (such as illustrated in FIG. 4) with his/her left or right hand such that multiple fingers of the user's hand are in contact with the touchscreen. The electronic device identifies 1125, from the interaction, a position of a hand of the user. In some cases, the electronic device can optionally identify finger or fingertip positions of the individual fingers of the hand, the handedness (right or left), and a size of the hand, in accordance with the functionalities as discussed herein. It should be appreciated that the electronic device can detect the interaction by the user before initiating the function.

The electronic device determines 1130, based on the position of the hand (and optionally the finger position(s) of the finger(s)), a display region on the touchscreen to display a graphic corresponding to the associated function. For example, the display region can be in proximity to the user's hand, or specifically the user's index finger (or other fingers) such that the user does not need to release or re-grip the electronic device. In some cases, the display region can be underneath one of the user's fingers, such as the user's index finger. In embodiments, the display region can also be determined based on the viewing position of the user and/or a set of configuration settings relating to preferences of the user. The electronic device displays 1135 the graphic within the display region on the touchscreen. In embodiments, the electronic device can optionally scale the graphic based on the calculated size of the hand. Further, the graphic can include a selectable option for the user to facilitate a communication and/or perform other functions. For example, if the function is a telephone application, then the graphic can include a dial pad and/or similar elements. For further example, if the function is a text messaging application, then the graphic can include a virtual keyboard or keypad, a "send" option, and/or other elements.

The electronic device optionally receives 1140 an input from the user within the display region. For example, the user can enter a telephone number into a dial pad, or enter values into a calculator application. The electronic device optionally executes 1145 the function according to the input. For example, the electronic device can dial out to an entered phone number, or the electronic device can perform a calculation based on entered values. It should be appreciated that

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other associated functions related to outgoing communications and/or other functions are envisioned.

Thus, it should be clear from the preceding disclosure that a method and apparatus effectively and efficiently manages the display of content on a display screen of an electronic device. The method and apparatus advantageously allows a user of the electronic device to navigate through functions of the electronic device and input content into graphics without having to adjust a grip or hold on the electronic device. Further, the method and apparatus advantageously re-displays content in response to a user adjusting contact with the touchscreen.

This disclosure is intended to explain how to fashion and use various embodiments in accordance with the technology rather than to limit the true, intended, and fair scope and spirit thereof. The foregoing description is not intended to be exhaustive or to be limited to the precise forms disclosed. Modifications or variations are possible in light of the above teachings. The embodiment(s) were chosen and described to provide the best illustration of the principle of the described technology and its practical application, and to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize the technology in various embodiments and with various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated. All such modifications and variations are within the scope of the embodiments as determined by the appended claims, as may be amended during the pendency of this application for patent, and all equivalents thereof, when interpreted in accordance with the breadth to which they are fairly, legally and equitably entitled.

The invention claimed is:

1. A method in an electronic device, the method comprising:

receiving, at the electronic device, an indication of an incoming communication;  
displaying a notification of the incoming communication in a notification area along an outside surface of a touchscreen of the electronic device, wherein the touchscreen can be rolled to form the outside surface;  
changing a boundary location of the notification area on the outside surface while displaying the notification in the notification area;  
detecting an interaction by the user with the touchscreen; and  
in response to the detecting the interaction by the user, terminating the displaying of the notification along the outside surface;  
identifying, from the interaction, a position of a hand of the user;  
determining, by a processor based on the position of the hand, a display region on the outside surface of the touchscreen to display a graphic; and  
displaying, within the display region on the touchscreen, the graphic.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining, via a sensor of the electronic device, a viewing position of the user, wherein the display region is further determined based on the viewing position.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

identifying, based on the viewing position of the user, which of one or more audio components of the electronic device to activate; and  
activating the one or more audio components that were identified.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining the display region on the outside surface of the touchscreen comprises:

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detecting an overlap area of the outside surface where the outside surface overlaps within itself; and determining the display region within an area of the outside surface except for the overlap area.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the displaying the graphic comprises:

identifying, from the interaction, a size of the hand; determining an input graphic size based on the size of the hand; and scaling the graphic based on the input graphic size.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein when the graphic is associated with an incoming communication, the displaying the graphic comprises:

displaying, within the display region, an interactive panel for the user to respond to the incoming communication.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining the display region on the outside surface of the touchscreen comprises:

identifying, from the interaction, a finger position of a finger of the hand; and determining, based on the finger position, the display region.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the graphic comprises a Bell-type keypad, and wherein the displaying the graphic comprises:

displaying the Bell-type keypad within the display region, wherein a "5" key of the Bell-type keypad is displayed at the finger position.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

identifying, from the interaction, the hand as either a left hand or a right hand of the user; and modifying a setting according to the left hand or the right hand being identified.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the displaying the graphic comprises:

receiving, from an accelerometer, a reading indicating a gravitationally upward direction; identifying an orientation of the graphic based on the reading; and

displaying, within the display region on the touchscreen, the graphic according to the orientation.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

detecting, with a sensor of the electronic device, a viewing position of the user; and changing the boundary location of the notification area based on the detected viewing position of the user.

12. The method claim 1, further comprising:

detecting, with a sensor of the electronic device, an area of the touchscreen that is exposed; and changing the boundary location of the notification area based on the detected area of the touchscreen that is exposed.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

detecting, with a sensor of the electronic device, an orientation of the electronic device; and changing the boundary location of the notification area based on the detected orientation of the electronic device.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the displaying the notification comprises:

moving the notification according to one of the group consisting of: random motion of the notification and a predetermined motion pattern of the notification.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the motion is selected from the group consisting of: resizing the notification to be larger, resizing the notification to be smaller, and pulsing the notification.

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16. The method of claim 1, further comprising: activating, according to a detection by a sensor of the electronic device, an illumination mode.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the illumination mode is activated before the user contacts the touchscreen according to the detection of the user by the sensor.

18. An electronic device comprising:

a flexible display including a touch-sensitive layer; and a processor configured to interface with the flexible display and perform operations comprising:

receiving an indication of an incoming communication; displaying a notification of the incoming communication in a notification area along an outside surface of the flexible display, wherein the flexible display can be rolled to form the outside surface;

changing a boundary location of the notification area on the outside surface while displaying the notification in the notification area;

detecting an interaction by the user with the touch-sensitive layer; and

in response to the detecting the interaction by the user, terminating the displaying of the notification along the outside surface;

identifying, from the interaction, a position of a hand of the user,

determining, based on the position of the hand, a display region on the flexible display to display a graphic, and displaying, within the display region, the graphic.

19. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein the electronic device further comprises:

a sensor, and

wherein the processor is further configured to interface with the sensor and perform actions comprising:

determining, via the sensor, a viewing position of the user, wherein the display region is further determined based on the viewing position.

20. The electronic device of claim 19, wherein the electronic device further comprises:

one or more audio components, and

wherein the processor is further configured to interface with the one or more audio components and perform actions comprising:

identifying, based on the viewing position of the user, which of the one or more audio components to activate, and

activating the one or more audio components that were identified.

21. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein the electronic device further comprises:

an overlap sensor, and

wherein the processor is further configured to interface with the overlap sensor and perform the determining comprising:

detecting an overlap area of the flexible display where the flexible display overlaps with itself, and determining the display region within an area of the flexible display except for the overlap area.

22. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein the electronic device further comprises:

an accelerometer, and

wherein the processor is further configured to interface with the accelerometer and perform the displaying comprising:

receiving, from the accelerometer, a reading indicating an upward direction of the electronic device,

identifying an orientation of the graphic based on the reading, and

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displaying, within the display region, the graphic according to the orientation.

**23.** The electronic device of claim **18**, wherein the processor is further configured to perform operations comprising: detecting, from the user via the touch-sensitive layer, a gesture, and repositioning the graphic within the display region according to the gesture.

**24.** A method in an electronic device, the electronic device being rolled with a touchscreen as an outside surface, the method comprising:

receiving, at the electronic device, an indication of an incoming communication;

displaying a notification of the incoming communication in a notification area along the outside surface of the touchscreen;

changing a boundary location of the notification area on the outside surface while displaying the notification in the notification area;

detecting a tactile interaction by the user via the touchscreen; and

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in response to the detecting the interaction by the user, terminating the displaying of the notification along the outside surface;

identifying an area of the touchscreen defined by the tactile interaction;

determining, by a processor based on the area defined by the tactile interaction, a display region on the outside surface of the touchscreen to display a graphic; and displaying, within the display region, the graphic.

**25.** The method of claim **24**, wherein the displaying the graphic comprises:

displaying, within the display region, an interactive panel for the user to respond to an incoming communication.

**26.** The method of claim **24**, wherein the displaying the graphic comprises:

displaying, within the display region, an input graphic;

receiving an input from the user; and

initiating an outgoing communication according to the input.

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